

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., today announced the awarding of three federal grants totaling \$1,460,563 that will improve educational opportunities and health care in the South Side and south suburbs.

Upward Bound grants totaling \$1,216,282 were awarded to area universities and agencies. Chicago State University received \$747,034; Governors State University, located in University Park, received \$234,624; and the Family Centered Education Agency located in south suburban Phoenix, received \$234,624. The Upward Bound Projects, funded through the Department of Education, provide intensive academic instruction and support to high school students from low-income families to complete their college education.

Also, grants to assist nursing students totaling \$244,281 were awarded to Chicago State University from the Department of Health and Human Services. A Nursing Workforce Diversity grant will provide health care education opportunities to high school students from disadvantaged backgrounds. A Public Health Nursing Field Grant will train students to work in public health environments.